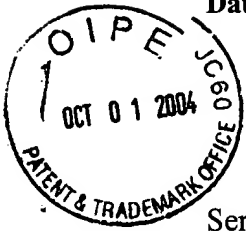


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the July 27, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before October 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$215.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference Number: **27353-501 UTIL**, Customer No. **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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